

**Board of Health
Tuesday, March 5, 2013
Penn Room**

Members Attending: J. Dethoff, J. Wong

Others Attending: S. Katzenmoyer, T. Coleman, J. Seidel, K. Schorn, M. Anastasio, B. Valardo, D. Bowers, B. Kurelia, T. Glisson

Dr. Dethoff called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm.

Tattoo Parlor Ordinance Update

Dr. Dethoff introduced the Board members and the tattoo professionals introduced themselves. Those present were:

- Michael Anastasio – owner of Mike's Tattoo on Lancaster Av
- Barry Valardo – owner of Uptown Ink on Penn St
- Daniel Bowers – owner of Gotham City on Morgantown Rd
- Bart Kurelia – representing Uptown Ink on Penn St
- Tracy Glisson – owner of Reading Tattoo

Dr. Dethoff stated that the regulations would continue to be discussed this evening. He stated that the tattoo professionals were invited for their input on the regulations and that the Board would consider their comments. He stated that the amended regulations would be sent to those present for their final comments before they are presented to Council.

Mr. Hospidor arrived at this time.

Dr. Dethoff began the review by addressing implants. He noted that tattoo professionals should not be performing surgery as that must be performed by an MD. He questioned how implants are inserted. Mr. Kurelia explained that most are a 14 gauge post which measures less than 2 mm and is less invasive than a piercing. He stated that the implant is accessible from the surface and requires no incisions or stitching.

Mr. Glisson questioned how unlicensed facilities would be discovered by the City. He stated that there are unlicensed storefronts and many others performing these services in their homes. Ms. Katzenmoyer gave all in attendance her telephone number and requested that they call her to report individuals or locations when they learn about them. She stated that she does not give personal information when reporting activity so there should be no retaliation.

Mr. Glisson noted his fear that the licensed professionals would be singled out but that the unlicensed facilities would not be regulated.

Dr. Dethoff began the review of the regulations on page 19 where review ended at the February meeting. He questioned a cosmetic artist. Dr. Wong explained that it is permanent make up. Mr. Coleman read the State definition of a cosmetic artist. There was discussion about cosmetic application versus tattooing on the face.

Mr. Valardo stated that different inks are necessary when applying on or near the eyes. He stated that a local anesthetic is also used and that training for this procedure is only 72 hours.

The artists stated that their goal is only to lighten the existing tattoo so that it can be covered with another tattoo.

Mr. Kurelia questioned if the Board would strike the language not allowing tattooing on the face. Dr. Dethoff stated that the Board must discuss this issue further.

Mr. Glisson suggested that the Board consider better definitions of cosmetic tattooing and regulations. Ms. Katzenmoyer suggested that this be a separate section of these regulations after additional research.

Mr. Bowers agreed with the need for better definition.

Mr. Valardo questioned the necessity for permanent division between stations. Dr. Dethoff stated that partitions are okay and that permanent division is not necessary.

Mr. Valardo showed those present a sample of inks and tools used in tattooing.

Dr. Dethoff noted the need to complete discussion regarding liability insurance. Mr. Coleman stated that he has researched this issue and no minimum coverage has been set.

Mr. Anastasio suggested \$150,000 minimum. Mr. Bowers suggested \$100,000. Ms. Katzenmoyer reviewed the meeting summary from February and stated that discussion ranged from \$150,000 to \$500,000. Consensus of the artists set the minimum at \$150,000.

Mr. Anastasio stated that there are barbershops performing tattooing. Ms. Katzenmoyer suggested a prohibition in the regulations. Mr. Coleman stated that this issue is addressed on page 11 the top letter C regarding entrances.

Dr. Dethoff stated that these additional comments will be added to the items to be considered by the Board. He stated that additional drafts will be sent after the comments are addressed. He extended his thanks to all the professionals for participating in the process.

The tattoo professionals left the meeting at this time.

Dr. Dethoff requested a definition of surgery from Mr. Coleman. He stated that he did speak with someone from the State Dept. of Health and that the individual was not helpful regarding tattoo regulations.

Dr. Dethoff noted the need for additional research regarding cosmetic tattooing. Mr. Coleman agreed with the need for additional research.

Dr. Wong questioned if it was necessary to address branding.

Health Officer Report

None

Animal Control Legislation

Ms. Katzenmoyer stated that Mr. Coleman has begun his research and that he will be prepared to address the issue after the tattoo regulations are complete.

Dr. Wong stated that there are different ways to address this issue and requested that members think about suggestions.

Membership Update

Ms. Katzenmoyer stated that Ms. Schorn will be appointed to the Board as a nursing professional and that Ms. Seidel will be appointed as the alternate citizen-at-large. She stated that this leaves one vacancy for an environmental health professional and one professional at-large alternate position.

Dr. Dethoff stated that the environmental health professional may prove to be hard to fill. He suggested amending the qualifications to remove this position and replace it with another citizen-at-large. Ms. Katzenmoyer explained that the qualifications were added because a Board of citizen-at-large representatives was not functional in the past as they did not have the background necessary.

Dr. Wong suggested reaching out to the Water Authority (RAWA) and the City's waste water treatment plant (WWTP) for possible candidates as the environmental health professional. Ms. Katzenmoyer explained that employees cannot serve on City boards but that she can reach out to employees for others who may be willing to serve.

Dr. Dethoff suggested reaching out to local businesses for an environmental health professional.

Dr. Wong suggested a social worker may be helpful as many current health issues are because of social issues in the City.

Ms. Katzenmoyer explained that she did reach out to the local State Dept. of Health for an environmental health professional and that there was no one interested in serving. She stated that she will reach out to the Chamber of Commerce, RAWA and the superintendent of the WWTP.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Dethoff moved, seconded by Dr. Wong, to approve all minutes from December 2011 through February 2013 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2 at 4 pm in the Penn Room.

*Respectfully submitted
Shelly Katzenmoyer
Deputy City Clerk*